**Timeline of Events**

1436   Brunelleschi completes the Dome of Florence Cathedral.

1450 Johannes Gutenberg developed the printing press (allowing books to be printed much quicker)

1453 Fall of Constantinople to the Turks.

1486 Boticelli completes the painting “*The Birth of Venus*”

1488  Bartolommeo Dias rounds the "Cape of Storms" (Renamed “Cape of Good Hope”)

1492 Jews & Muslims expelled from Spain by Isabella &Ferdinand. Columbus sails for Spain to the New World.

1495 Leonardo Da Vinci paints *The Last Supper*

1497 [John](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Cabot) Cabot discovers Newfoundland for England.

1498 Vasco Da Gama is the first European to reach India by going around the Cape of Good Hope.

1501 Michelangelo begins work on sculpture *David*

1503 Leonardo da Vinci paints the Mona Lisa.

1508 Michelangelo begins his painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

1509 Erasmus writes “*In Praise of Folly”*

1511 Raphael paints his masterpiece The School of Athens.

1513  Juan Ponce de Leon discovers "La Florida"

1517 Martin Luther writes his **95 Theses** beginning the Protestant Reformation.

1520 Hernan Cortez conquers Mexico.

1522 Ferdinand Magellan circumnavigates the globe.

1533 Francisco Pizarro conquers Incan Empire

1534 Henry VIII forms the Church of England (Anglican).  Martin Luther publishes his German bible. Jacques Cartier sails up the St. Lawrence River for France.

1536 John Calvin (1509-1564) publishes his *Institutes of Christian Religion*.

1540 Pope Paul III authorizes the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), founded by Ignatius of Loyola.

1541 Calvin becomes the reformer (and *de facto* ruler) of Geneva.

1543 Nicholas Copernicus (1473-1543) published *De Revolutionibus* *Orbium Coelestium*. Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564) publishes *De Humani Corporis Fabrica*.

1545 Beginning of the Council of Trent, which met 1545-1547, 1551-1552, 1562-1563.

1555 Peace of Augsburg: victory for the Lutheran cause in Germany.

1558 Elizabeth I of Tudor becomes Queen of England. Her rule lasts until her death in 1603.

1562 Beginning of wars of religion in France (Protestants vs. Catholics).

1572 St. Bartholomew's Day massacre, in which thousands of French Protestants (Huguenots) were killed.

1582 Pope Gregory XIII institutes the Gregorian calendar.

1588 Spanish Armada defeated by the weather and the English fleet.

1597 Johannes Kepler publishes *Cosmographic Mystery*.

1598 **Edict of Nantes**, under which Protestants in France are allowed to practice their religion in peace.

1599 William Shakespeare builds the Globe theatre.

1604 New star (supernova), fully described by Kepler in *De stella nova* (1606), hence "Kepler's star."

1605 Francis Bacon (1561-1626) publishes *Two Books of* *Francis Bacon, of the Proficiencie and Advancement* *of Learning, Divine and Human*.

1607 Foundation of Virginia by the English.

1608 Foundation of Quebec by the French, under Samuel de Champlain.

1609 Kepler publishes *The New Astromomy*, in which he introduces elliptical astronomy.

1610 Henry IV, King of France, is murdered. He is succeeded by his son, Louis XIII (d. 1643), during whose reign Cardinal Richelieu was *de facto* ruler of France. Galileo discovers the moons of Jupiter.

1611 King James Bible is published.

1612 Foundation of New York by the Dutch.

1619 First African slaves in Virginia.

1620 Francis Bacon publishes his *Novum Organum* – detailing the new logical, scientific method.